

House Resolution 122 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 122

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1 A Resolution recognizing the year 2012 as the Year of
2 the Farmer Cooperative.

3 WHEREAS, over 3,000 farmer cooperatives are
4 currently serving America, from corner groceries, to
5 superstores, to school lunch programs; and

6 WHEREAS, farmer co-ops give the country a safe,
7 affordable, and abundant food supply; and

8 WHEREAS, co-ops also help their producer-owners
9 compete in a global marketplace, engage in value-added
10 processing, and supply just about any input, from feed,
11 seed, and fertilizer to fuel, tires, and tools needed
12 to run a successful farm or ranch; and

13 WHEREAS, the cooperatively owned Farm Credit System
14 makes sure that farmers, ranchers, and their co-ops
15 have a dependable and competitive way to finance their
16 operations — in both good times and bad; and

17 WHEREAS, across America farmer co-ops are the

1 economic lifeblood of many rural communities, providing
2 jobs to over a quarter of a million Americans, with
3 payrolls in excess of \$8 billion a year; and

4 WHEREAS, all across rural America farmer co-ops are
5 an important part of the social fabric, doing things as
6 simple as sponsoring the local little league team to
7 things as difficult as helping their neighbors recover
8 from natural disasters; and

9 WHEREAS, in July 2011, the United States Senate
10 passed a resolution declaring 2012 to be the Year of
11 Cooperatives to recognize and celebrate the benefits
12 cooperatives of all types deliver to the communities
13 they serve; NOW THEREFORE,

14 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
15 That the House of Representatives recognizes the year
16 2012 as the Year of the Farmer Cooperative and urges
17 all Iowans to recognize and support the vital role
18 of co-ops in the economic and social well-being of
19 communities across Iowa and America.